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# REPUBLICAN WHIP TOM DELAY WANTS TO **ELIMINATE** THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

REPUBLICAN LEADERS ARE ASHAMED OF THEIR  
VOTES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION????

“**I came here to eliminate the Department of Education,**’ the Texan Republican Whip Tom DeLay says.

He says his first vote [for the education bill in the House this year] was just to support the GOP President: **‘I’m ashamed to say it was just blatant politics.’**”

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quoting Republican Whip **Tom DeLay** from a recent interview with Rush Limbaugh

Republican Whip Tom DeLay let it all spill out in an interview with Rush Limbaugh — he does not, and has never, supported public education in America. Mr. DeLay admits he came to this Congress with the intention of eliminating the Department of Education. Mr. DeLay is “ashamed” to have voted for increased education funding. This is worrisome not only because of what it says about the Republican leadership in the House, and their views on America’s most important issue; it’s also an ominous warning for the bipartisan education bill that presently hangs in the balance in the conference committee.

GOP Whip Tom DeLay clearly does not believe in the Department of Education and clearly thinks there should be no role for the federal government in education. [Are the right-wing Leaders of the Republican Party in touch with the concerns of average Americans?](#) It certainly appears that they are not.

With comments like these it is apparent that the Republican Party is being led by their extremist right wing. Americans recognize how vital the investment in public education is — Democrats are insisting that Republicans join them to pass a meaningful education bill through conference. Democrats then plan to provide America’s children with modernized public schools with high-tech classrooms, 100,000 new teachers with enhanced teacher training, and pre-school and after-school programs that can make a real difference in our children’s lives.

Mr. DeLay and the rest of the Republican Leadership have been working against the crucial efforts of the Congress to enhance public education for years now. [If the GOP Leadership is so ashamed of this effort — they really should try listening to their constituents who recognize just how important public education is to this country.](#)

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